

WOW...

WE'RE BASICALLY
JUST STUCK BETWEEN
A ROCK AND A HARD
PLACE, AREN'T WE?





THE ONE WITH
ALL THE POWER
ORDERED EVERYONE
NOT TO TALK ABOUT
THE INCIDENT...

... BUT THE ONE
WHO SET OUR TASK
JUST *HAD* TO TELL US
TO BRING IT UP
AGAIN.





WHAT IF WE
GET ON THE BAD
SIDE OF THE DRAGON
IN CHARGE?

STEP

THIS WHOLE
TEST WON'T END UP
BEING FOR NOTHING,
RIGHT?

CHEONRYONG SAID
THAT SHE WAS LEAVING
THE EXAMS UP TO THE
DRAGON KINGS.

I'M SURE
SHE WON'T TAKE
BACK HER
WORD.





ISN'T THAT LIKE
BARELY MAKING IT INTO
A COMPANY BUT THEN GETTING
PICKED ON AT WORK BECAUSE
THE CEO HATES
YOU?





YOU HAVE TO
WORK THERE FOREVER
SINCE YOU CAN'T LEAVE,
AND THERE'S NOT EVEN
A WORKER'S
UNION!

BUT
YOUNG...



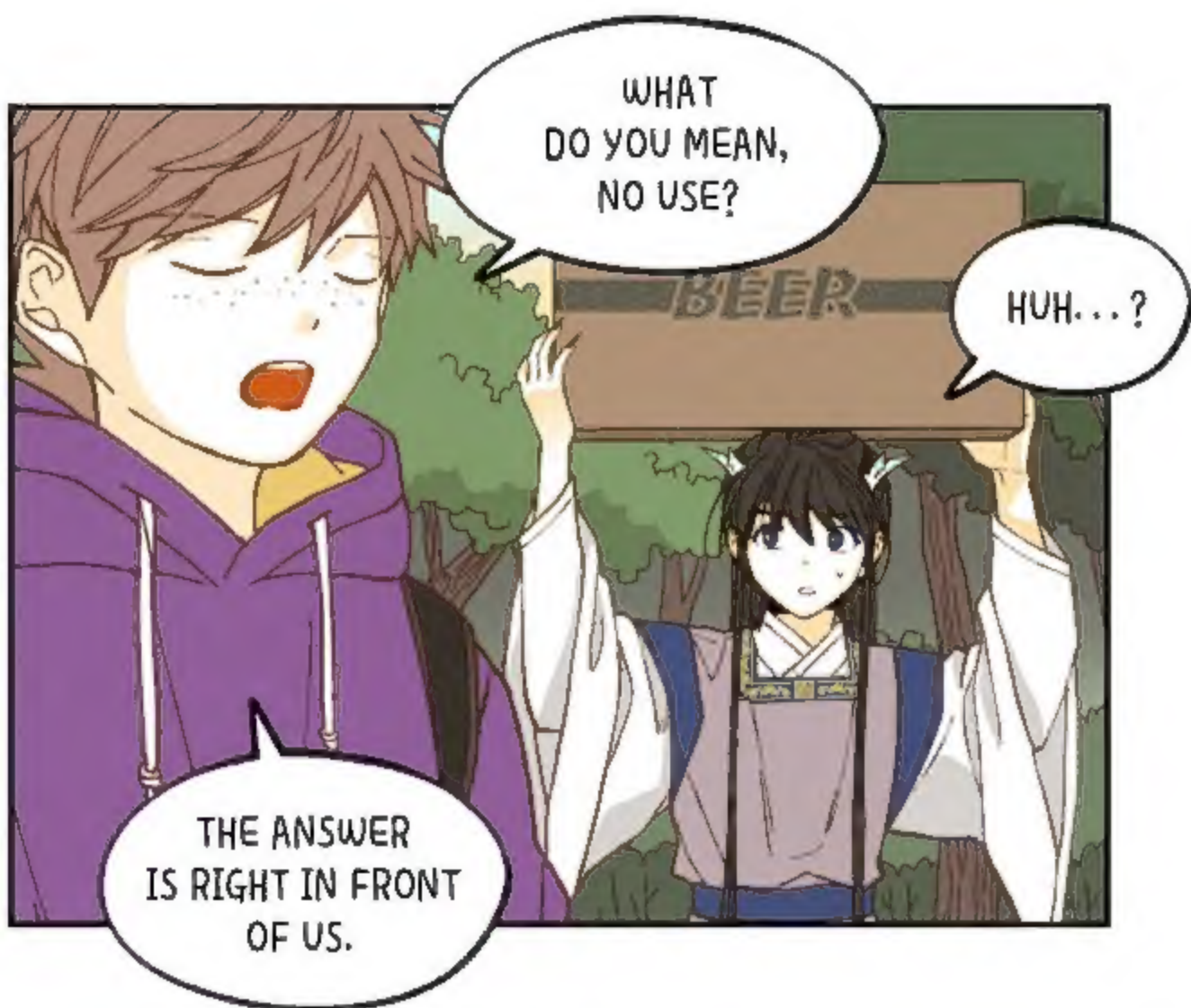
IF YOU
THINK IT'S
NO USE GETTING
THE YEONGSAN

RIVER DRAGON TO
TELL US THAT
ANSWER...

... WHY...

... DID YOU
BUY ALL THIS?







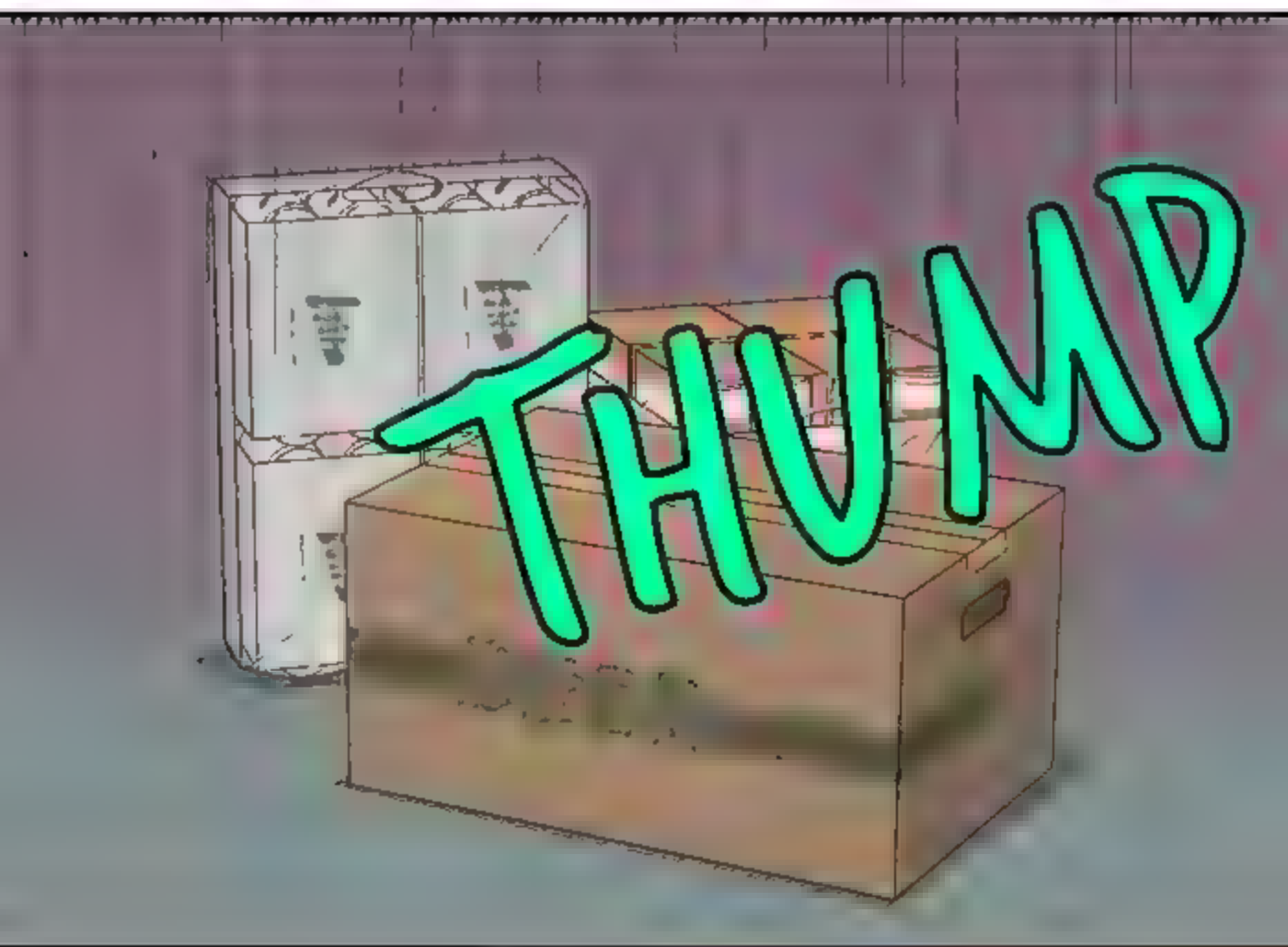
THERE ARE
NO SECRETS...

... WHEN
THERE'S ALCOHOL
INVOLVED.

HOW TO BECOME A DRAGON

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HMM?
THIS IS...

HOW COULD
WE SAY WE GAVE
YOU A PROPER GREETING
WITH JUST A COUPLE OF



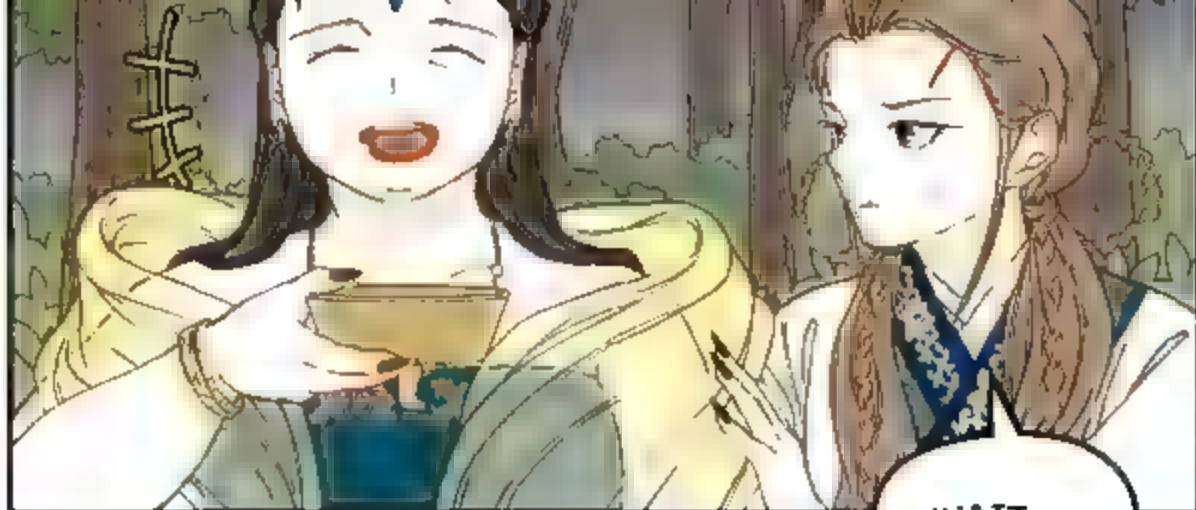
WITH JUST A COUPLE OF
GLASSES TO
DRINK?

WE THOUGHT
WE HAD TO DO
AT LEAST THIS
MUCH...

HEHEHE

WELL,
I WON'T
DECLINE.

HAHA



WAIT...

YOU
SHOULD STOP...



HAAAAHA

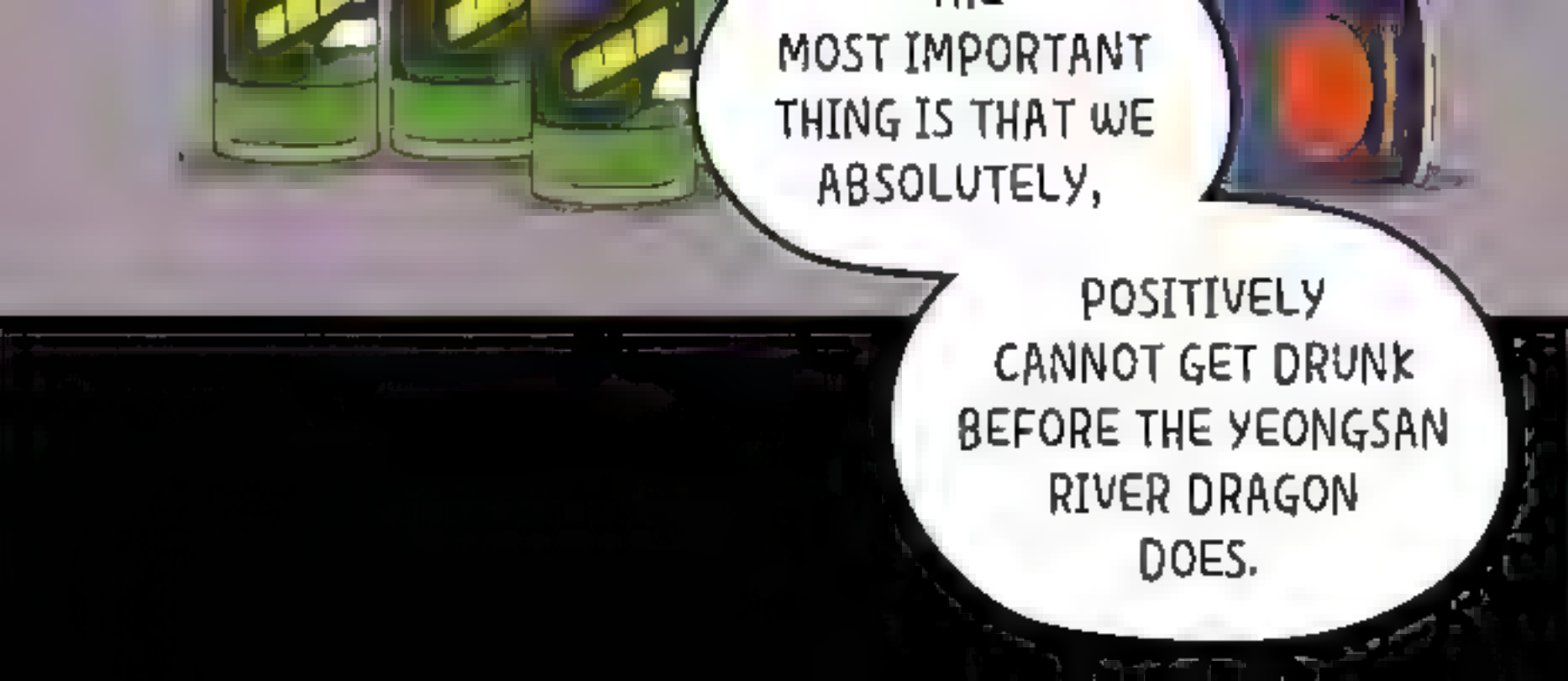
OH, DON'T BE
SO UPTIGHT AND
HAVE SOMETHING TO
DRINK TOO.

GOT HER!



EVERYONE,
LISTEN UP.

THE

A comic panel showing a bar counter. On the left, there are three green bottles with yellow liquid and black labels. On the right, there is a red light or flame. Two speech bubbles are present. The first speech bubble contains the text "THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE ABSOLUTELY,". The second speech bubble contains the text "POSITIVELY CANNOT GET DRUNK BEFORE THE YEONGSAN RIVER DRAGON DOES.".

THE
MOST IMPORTANT
THING IS THAT WE
ABSOLUTELY,

POSITIVELY
CANNOT GET DRUNK
BEFORE THE YEONGSAN
RIVER DRAGON
DOES.

SURE,
DRAGONS MIGHT
HAVE HIGH ALCOHOL
TOLERANCE...

...BUT
WE HAVE TWO
IMOOGIS ON OUR SIDE.
WE CAN BEAT HER
THREE TO ONE,
CAN'T WE?

CRACK

YOU

A BIG DRINKER,
SMART STUFF?

GLUG
GLUG
GLUG

I'M NO
LIGHTWEIGHT.

CHUG

JUST
PRETEND YOU'RE
AT A BUSINESS
DINNER.

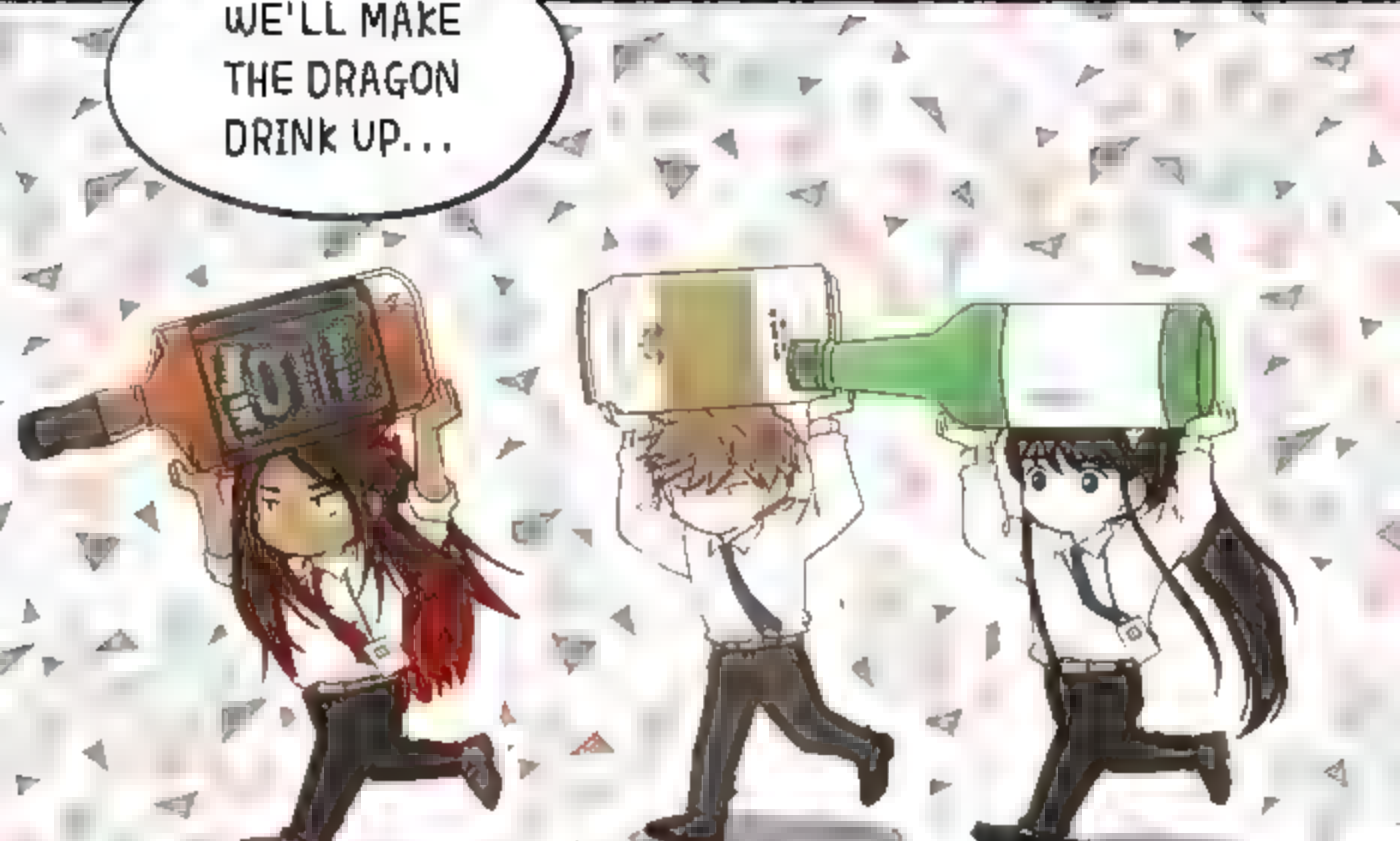
THROW OR
SPIT OUT ANY
ALCOHOL YOU
CAN...

LET ME POUR
YOU A DRINK,
MA'AM

THANK YOU



... AND DON'T
GET DRUNK!



WE'LL MAKE
THE DRAGON
DRINK UP...

... AND ONCE

SHE'S DRUNK
ENOUGH...

... THEN...

ALRIGHT!

LET'S DRINK!

MAKGEOLL

... WE'LL ASK
HER AGAIN!





IT'S BEEN
A LONG TIME SINCE

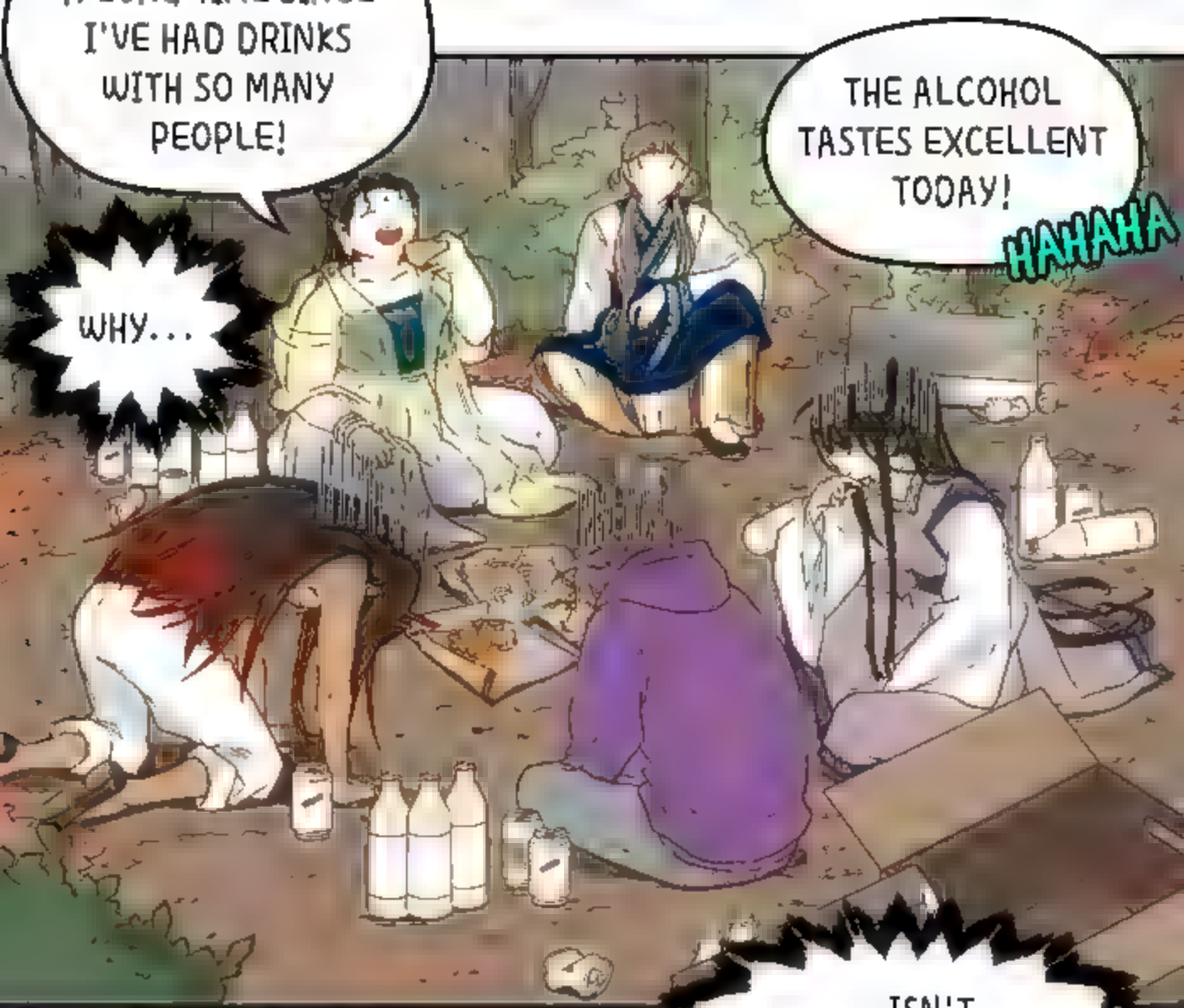
I'VE HAD DRINKS
WITH SO MANY
PEOPLE!

THE ALCOHOL
TASTES EXCELLENT
TODAY!

HAHAHA

WHY...

...ISN'T
SHE GETTING
DRUNK...?



WHY DON'T
WE PLAY THAT
GAME AGAIN?

FLIP CUP?

HAHA

GROAN

NO...

I DON'T THINK
I CAN MANAGE THAT
ANYMORE...

WHAT,
YOU'RE ALL DRUNK
ALREADY?

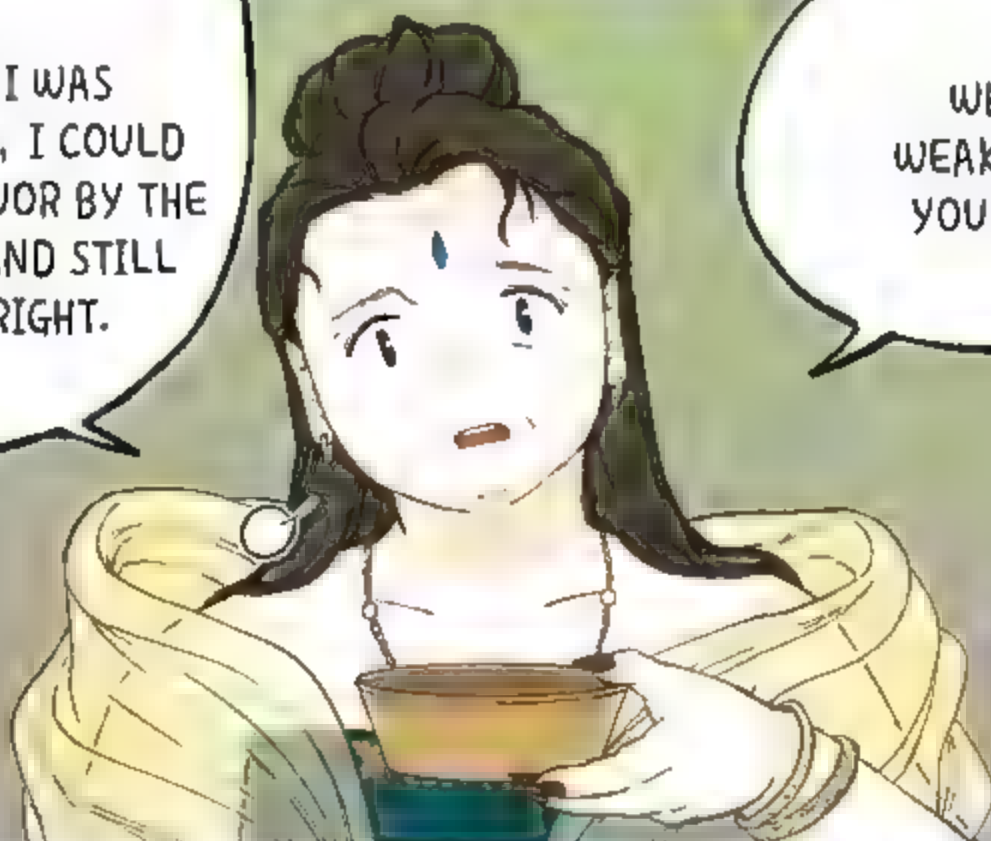
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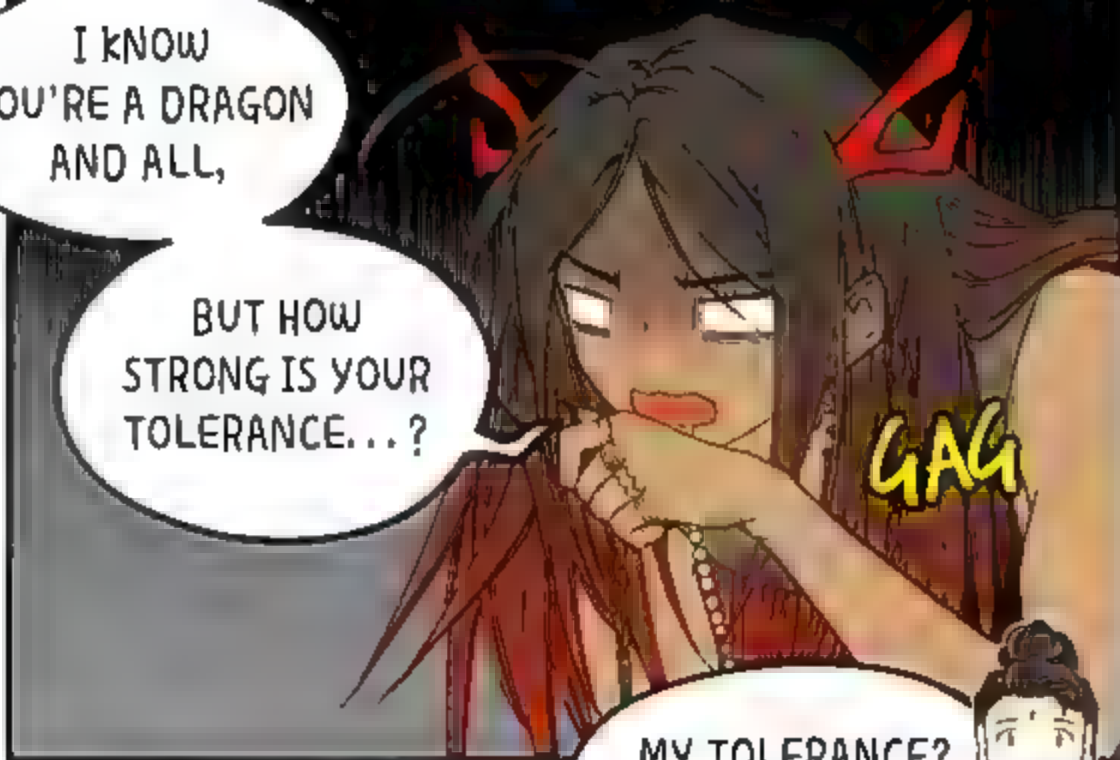
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WHEN I WAS
YOUR AGE, I COULD
DRINK LIQUOR BY THE
BARREL AND STILL
BE ALRIGHT.

WHAT
WEAKLINGS
YOU ARE.





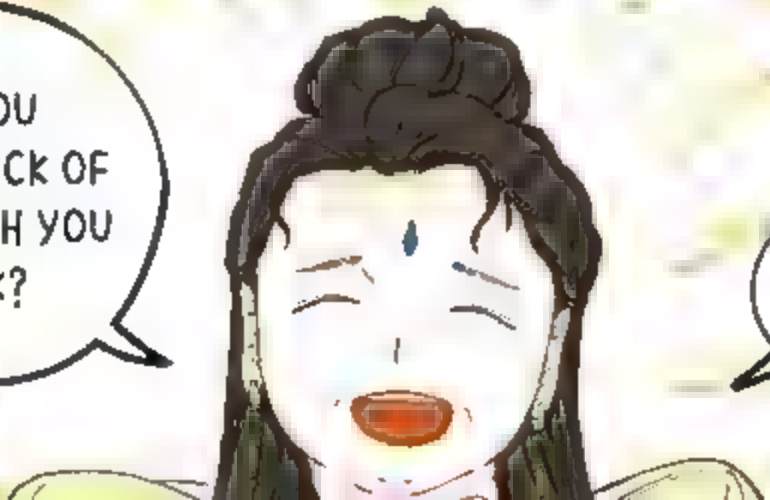
I KNOW
YOU'RE A DRAGON
AND ALL,

BUT HOW
STRONG IS YOUR
TOLERANCE...?

GAG

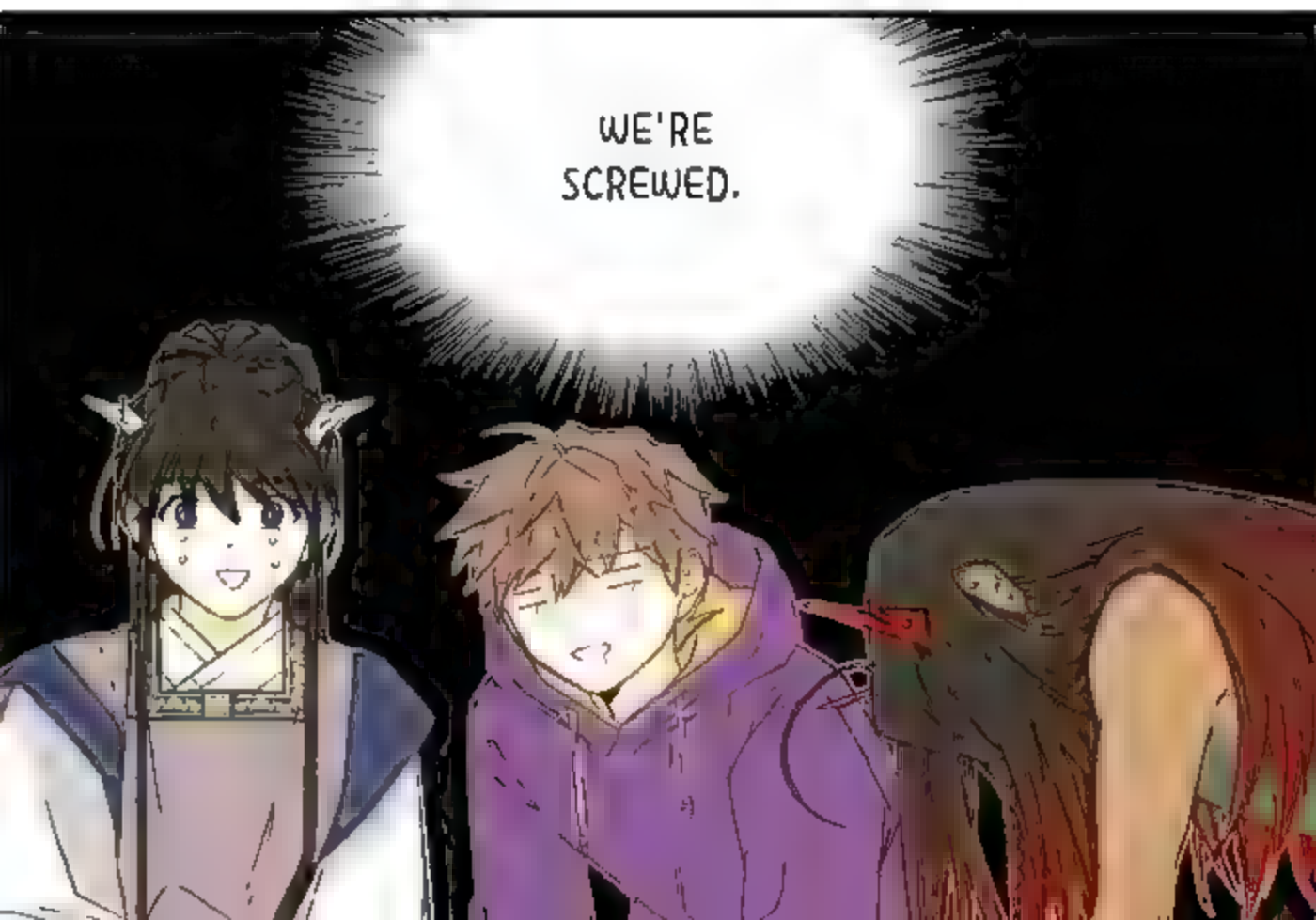


MY TOLERANCE?
HMM, I'M NOT
SURE...



DO YOU
KEEP TRACK OF
HOW MUCH YOU
DRINK?

HAHAHA





...

WE'RE
SCREWED.

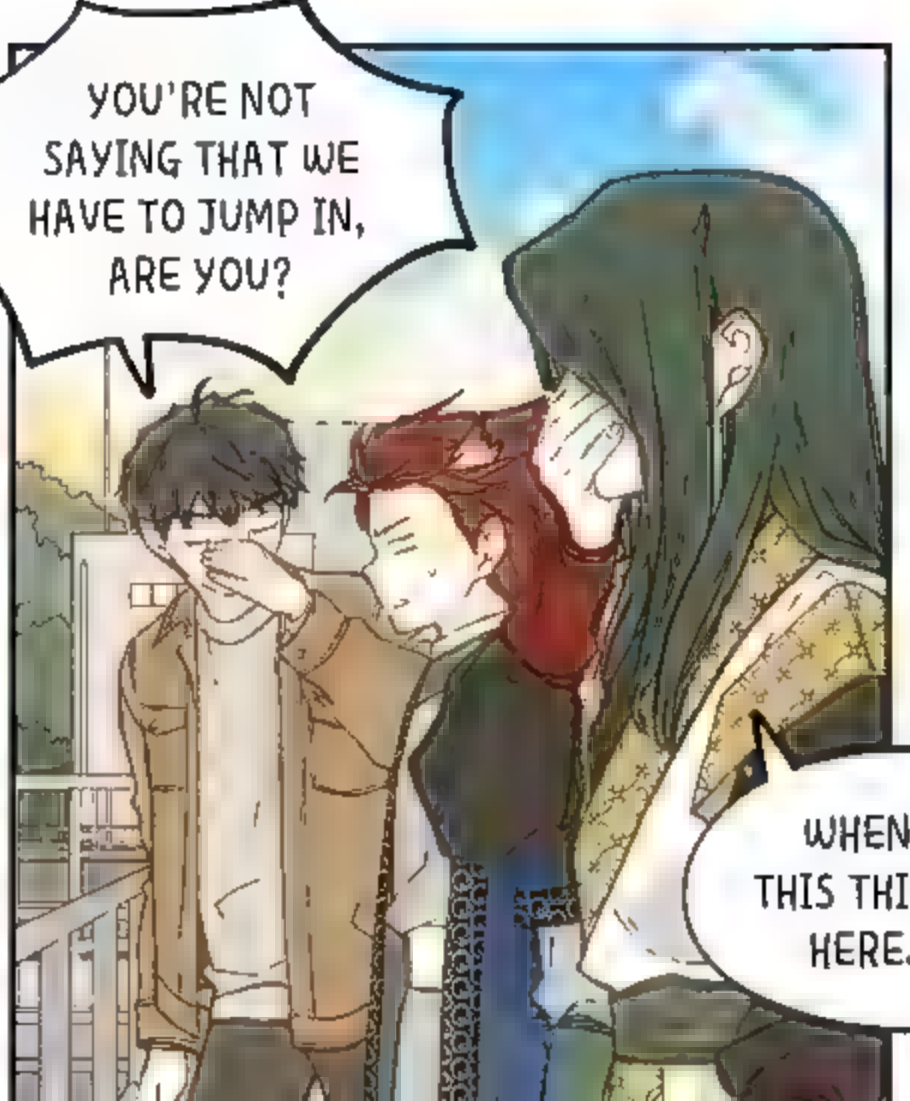


THIS IS THE
BACK DOOR...?

HOW ARE
WE SUPPOSED TO GO
INSIDE SOMETHING
LIKE THIS?

FILTHY

FILTHY



YOU'RE NOT
SAYING THAT WE
HAVE TO JUMP IN,
ARE YOU?

WHEN DID
THIS THING GET
HERE...?



IN AN ENVIRONMENT
LIKE THIS, THE BACK DOOR
HAS PROBABLY ALREADY
BEEN DESTROYED.



LET'S GO BACK TO
MR. NAMSENG.

THEY SAID SHE'S SICK,
SO WE CAN JUST GET
HER SOME MEDICINE

WE'LL
HEAL HER!

SHOULD WE GO
DIG UP SOME WILD
GINSENG?

WE WENT TO
FIND DAMSEOL ONCE
BEFORE...

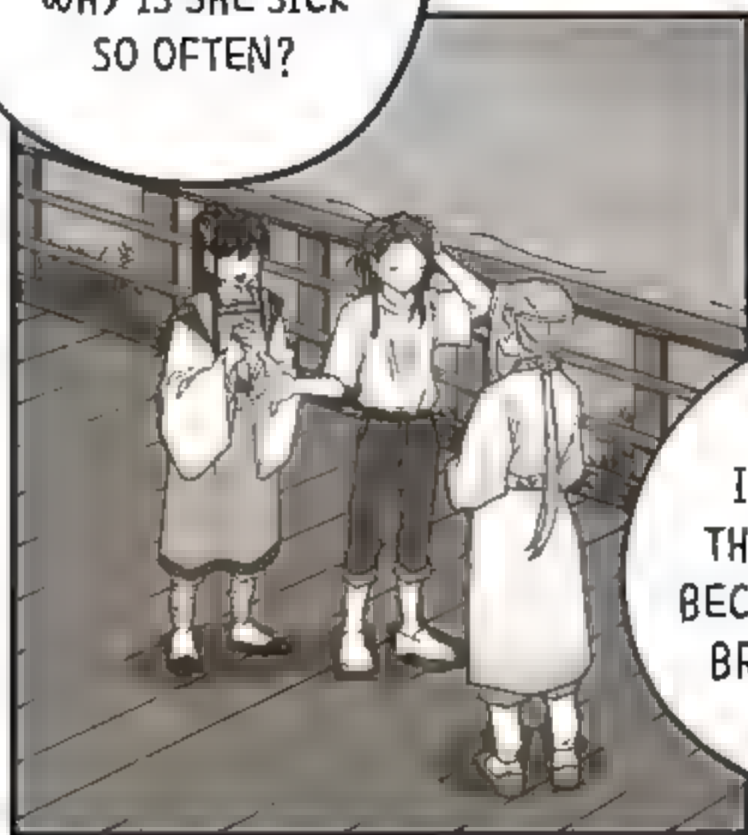




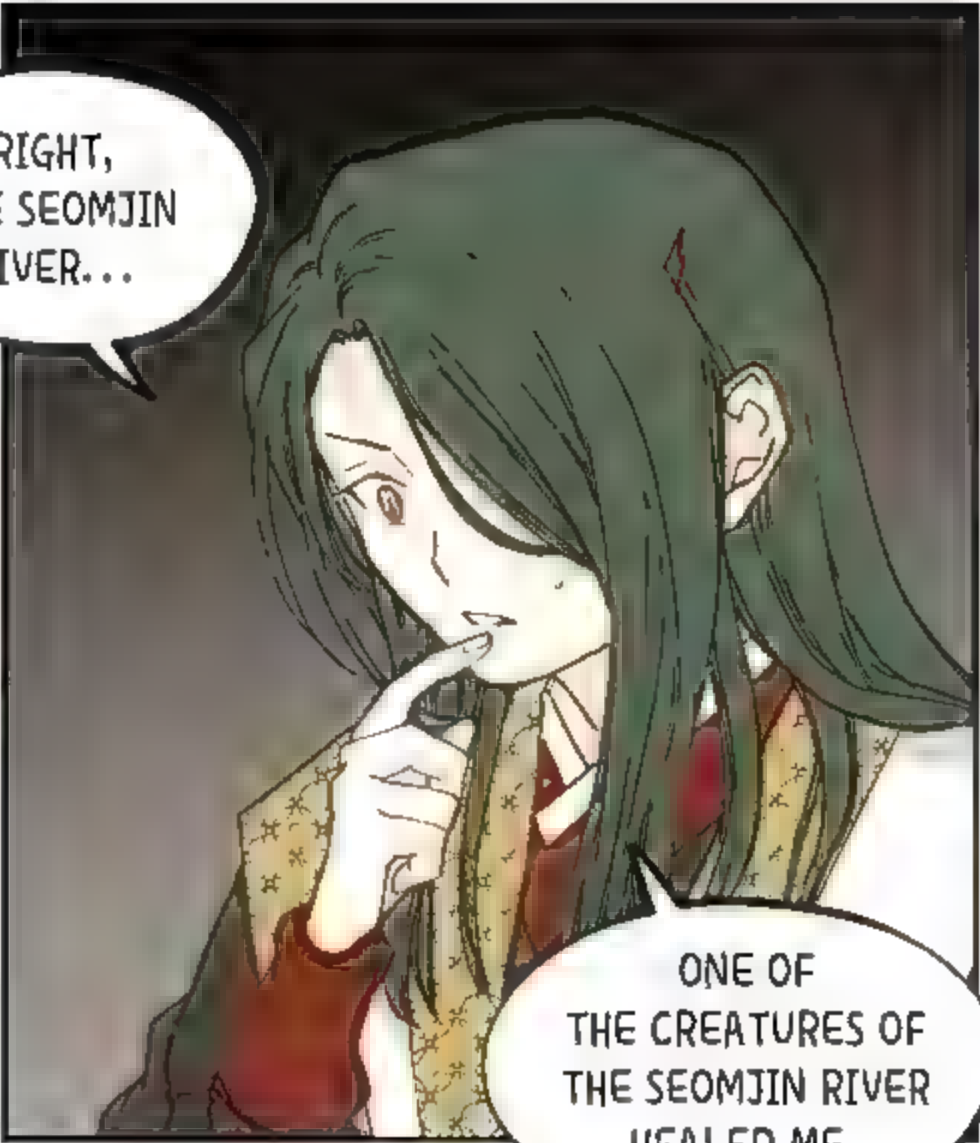
... AND SHE WASN'T
FEELING WELL THEN,
EITHER.



SHE'S A DRAGON,
WHY IS SHE SICK
SO OFTEN?



BARI AND
I ONCE WENT TO
THE SEOMJIN RIVER
BECAUSE THE POT SHE
BREWED MEDICINE
IN BROKE...



RIGHT,
THE SEOMJIN
RIVER...

ONE OF
THE CREATURES OF
THE SEOMJIN RIVER
HEALED ME.

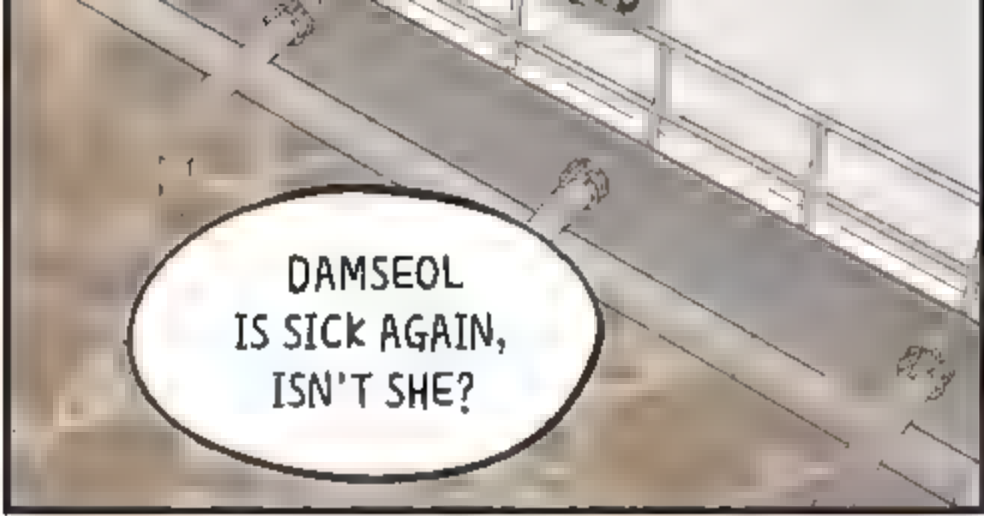
THE PLACE

IS TOO SMALL TO
CALL A DRAGON
PALACE...

IT WAS
SIMPLE...

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING ABOUT
ALL BY YOURSELF?

WHY IS THAT
IMPORTANT?



DAMSEOL
IS SICK AGAIN,
ISN'T SHE?

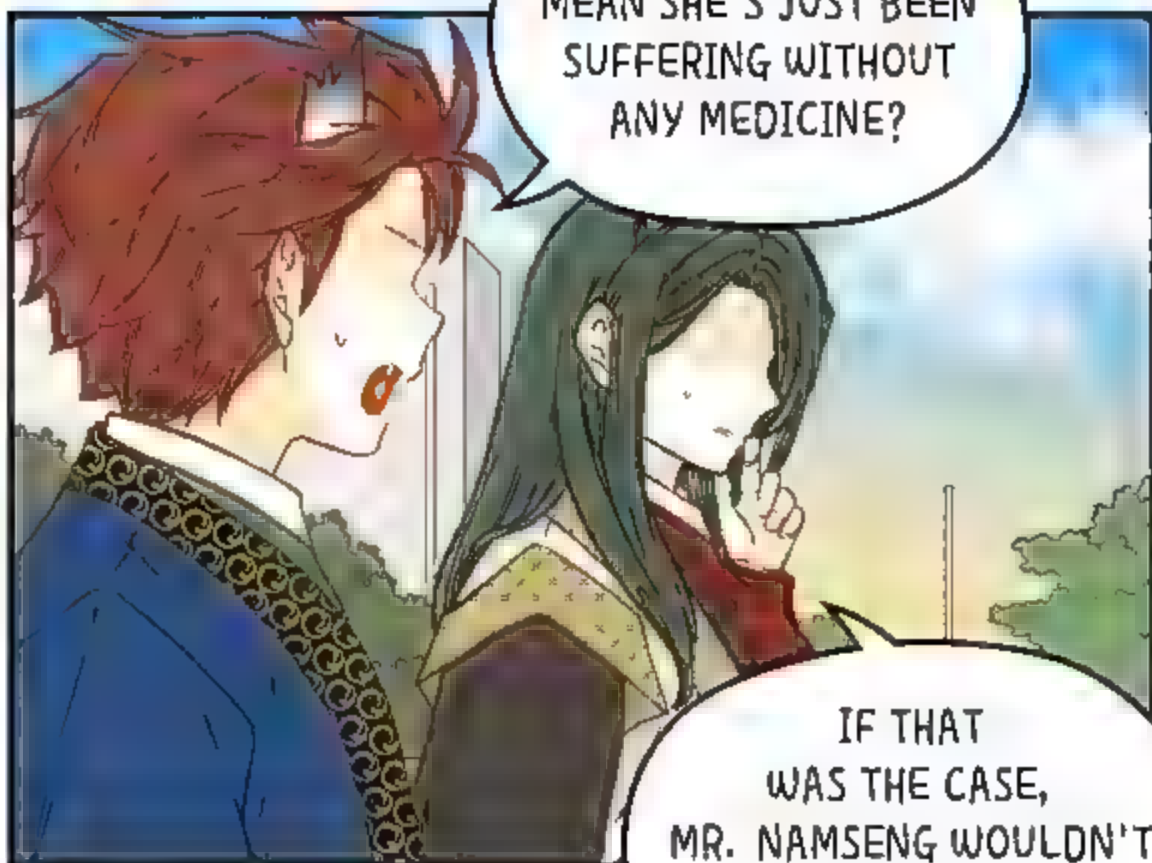


A DRAGON'S
POT ISN'T CREATED
OVERNIGHT...

... AND SHE CAN'T
BORROW ANOTHER
DRAGON'S...

SO...

... DOES THAT
MEAN SHE'S JUST BEEN
SUFFERING WITHOUT
ANY MEDICINE?



IF THAT
WAS THE CASE,
MR. NAMSENG WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN SO
CALM.

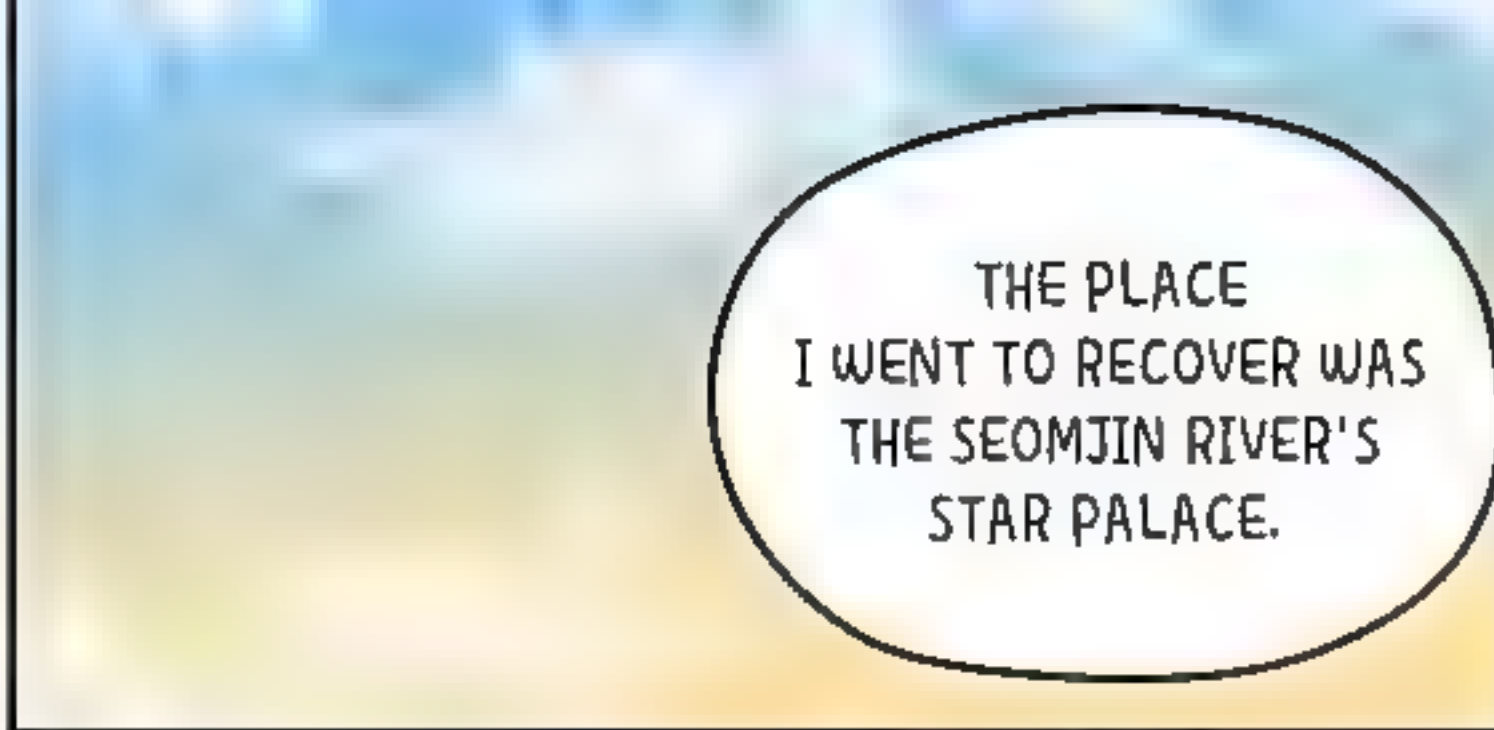


I THINK...

... SHE'S GONE
SOMEWHERE ELSE
TO RECOVER.



THE STAR
PALACE... ?



THE PLACE
I WENT TO RECOVER WAS
THE SEOMJIN RIVER'S
STAR PALACE.



THE DRAGON
PALACE IS IN THE WIDEST
AND MOST FERTILE LAND
IN THE RIVER...

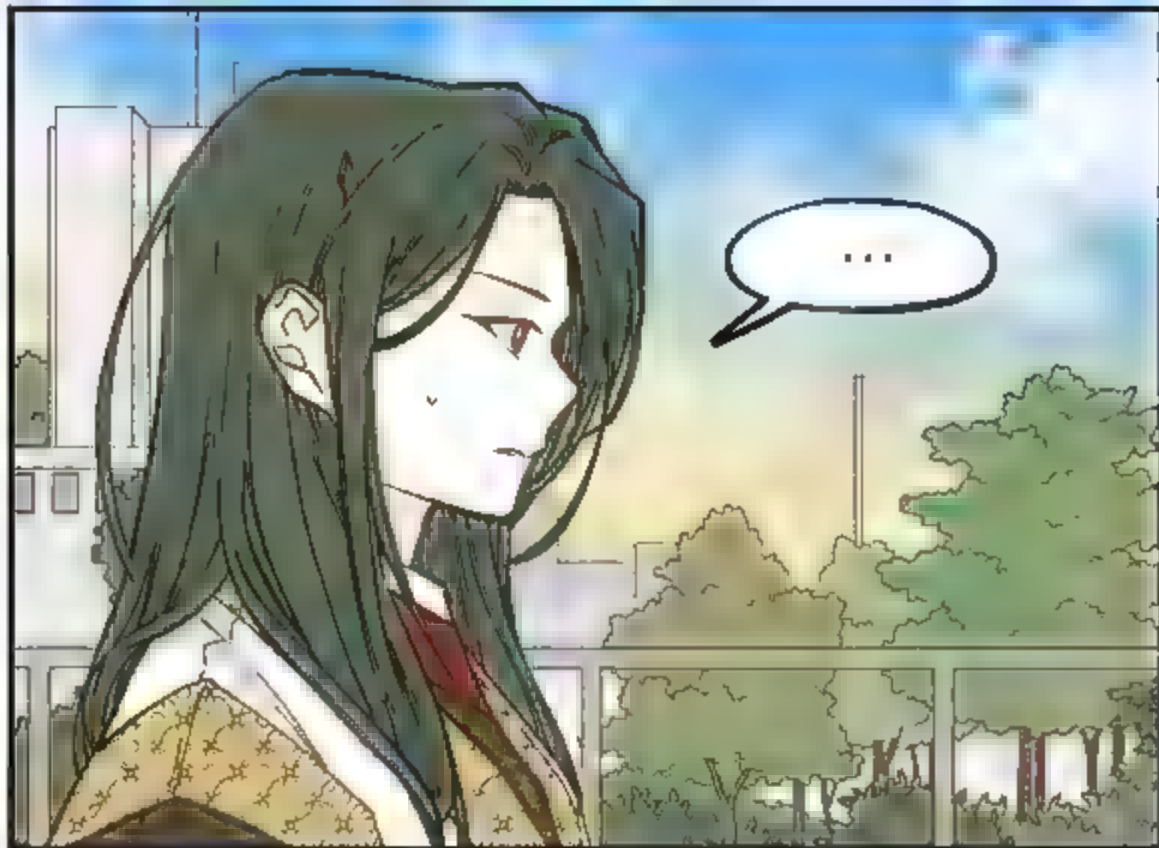
... AND THE STAR
PALACE IS LOCATED
WHERE THE RIVER IS
THE STRONGEST.

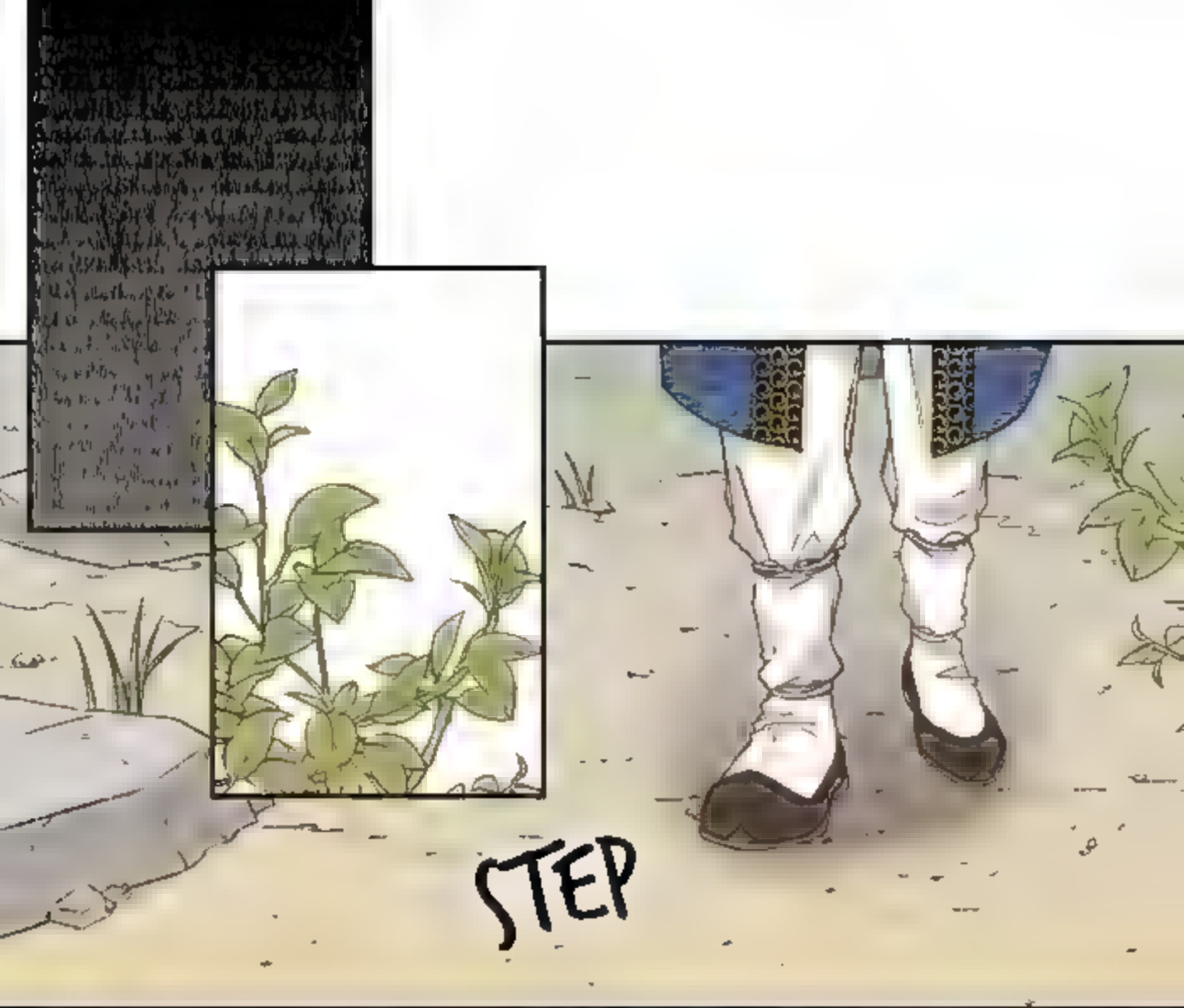


AH, THE STAR
PALACE...!

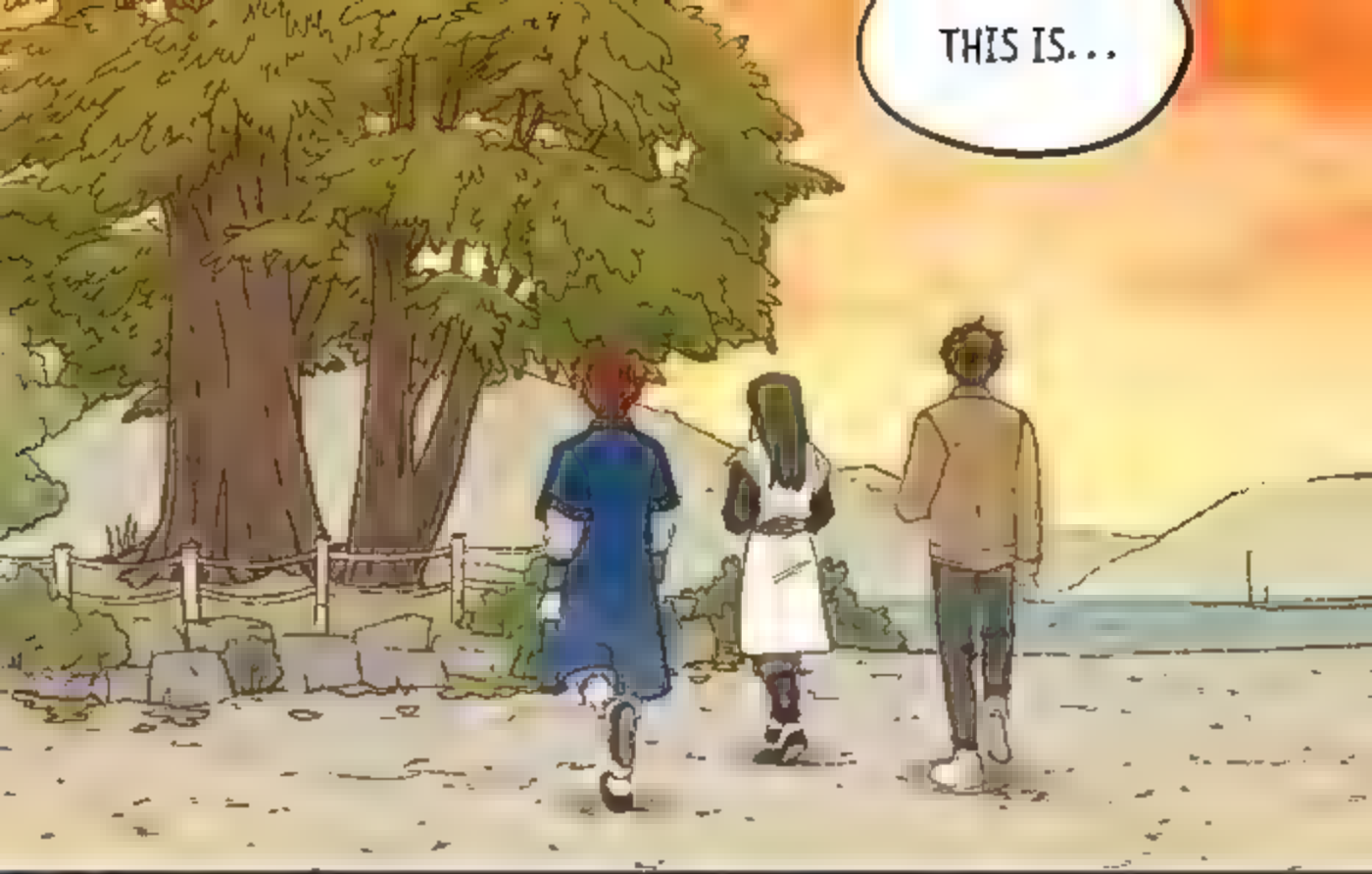
WHERE
IS THAT?

THE MOUTH
OF THE RIVER?

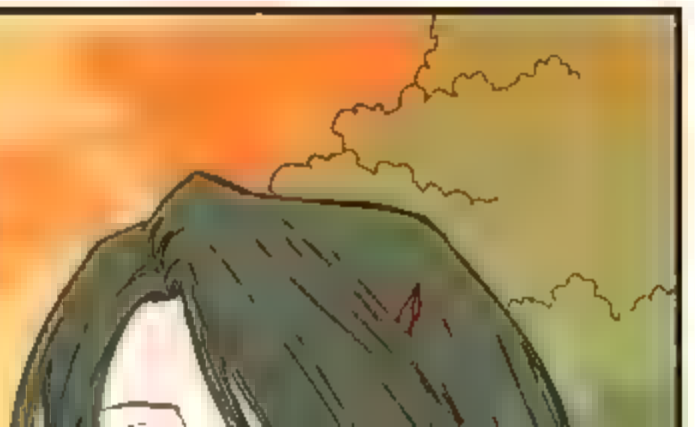


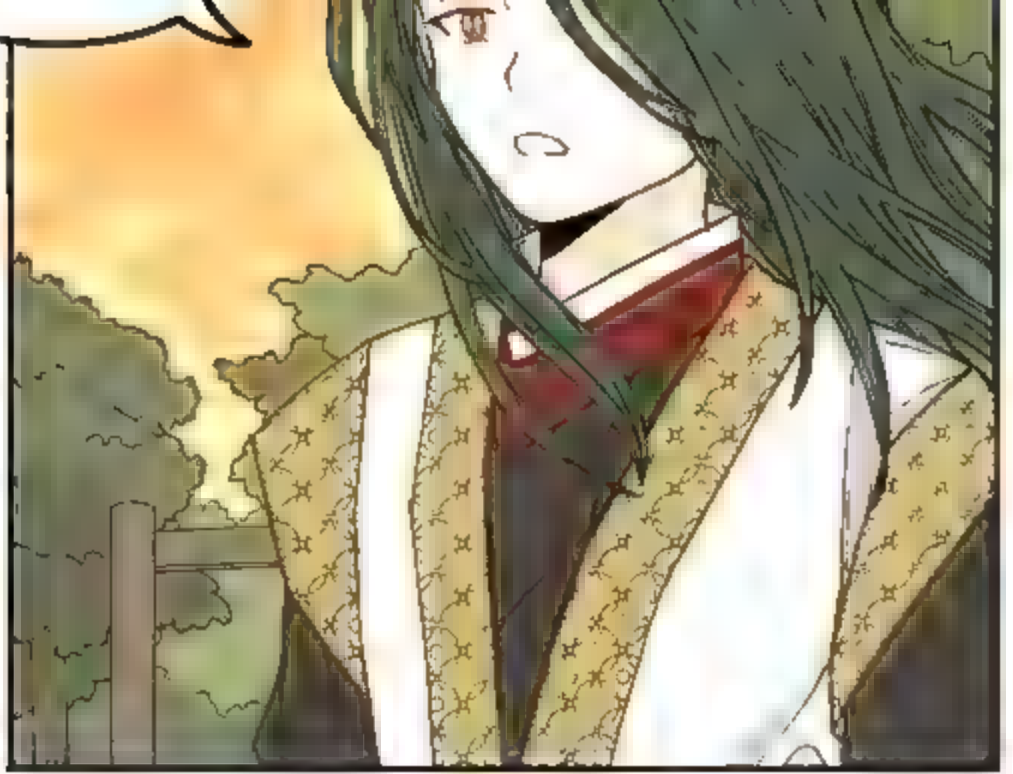


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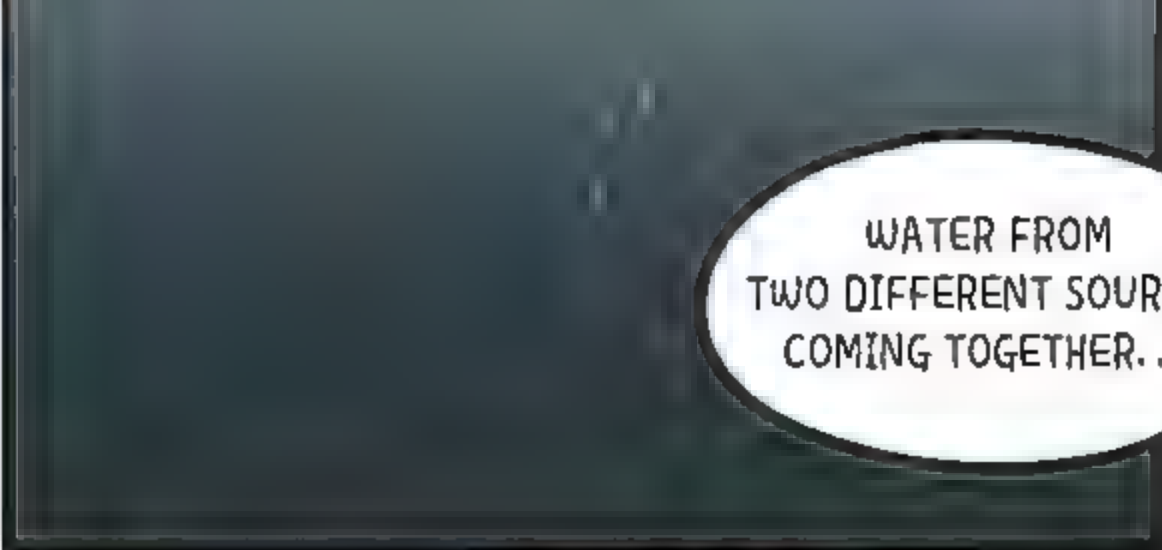


THIS HAS TO
BE THE PLACE
WITH THE STRONGEST
ENERGY IN THE
HAN RIVER.





IT'S THE PLACE
WHERE THE WATER FROM
GEUM RIVER AND
TAEBAEK MEET.



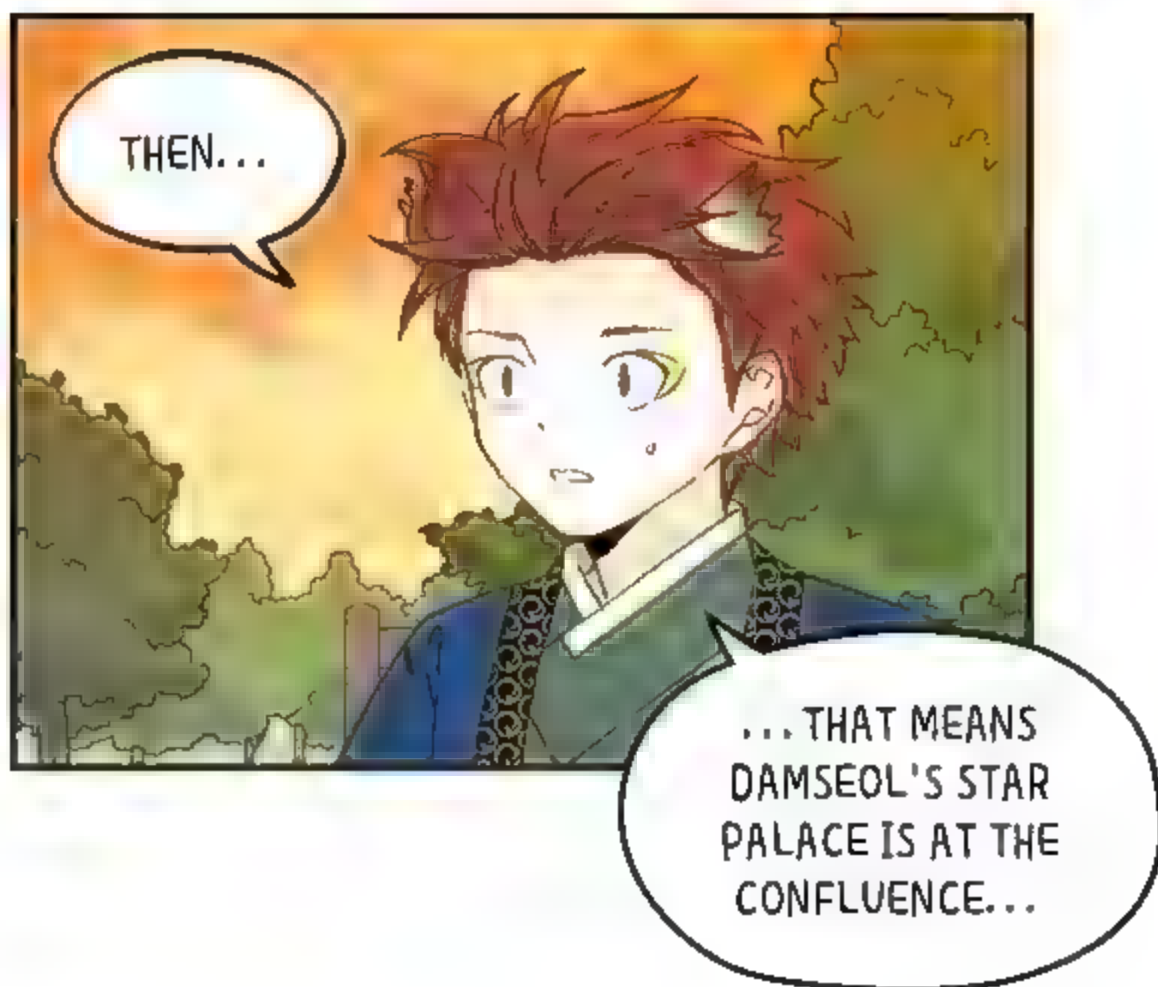
WATER FROM
TWO DIFFERENT SOURCES
COMING TOGETHER...



DOES
THAT MEAN IT'S
A CONFLUENCE?



*CONFLUENCE: THE MEETING OF TWO OR MORE BODIES OF WATER.

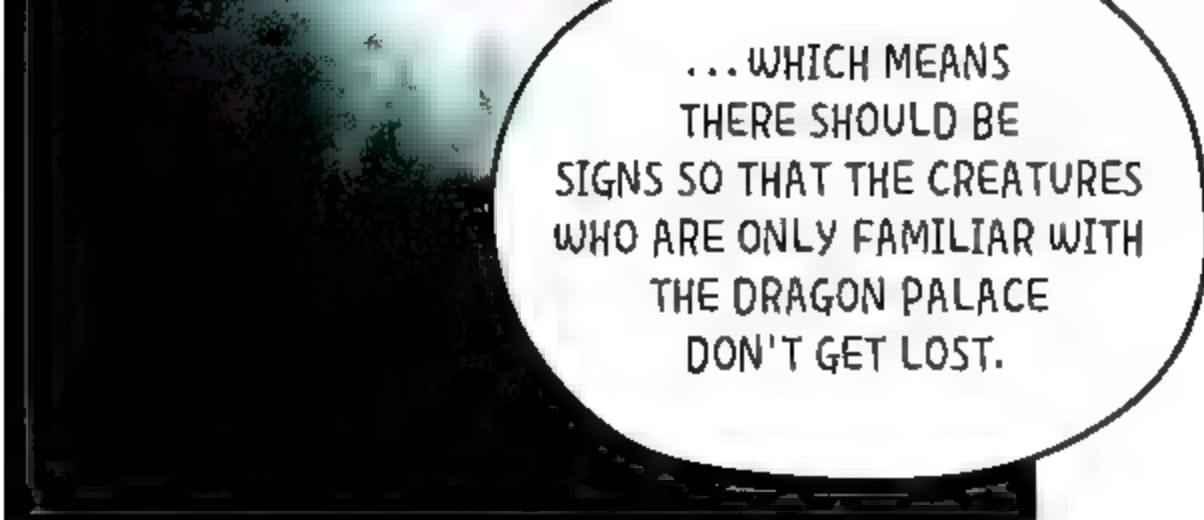


DOES THAT MEAN
WE HAVE TO SEARCH
EVERY LAST INCH OF
THE CONFLUENCE?



THE STAR
PALACE ISN'T USED
OFTEN...





...WHICH MEANS
THERE SHOULD BE
SIGNS SO THAT THE CREATURES
WHO ARE ONLY FAMILIAR WITH
THE DRAGON PALACE
DON'T GET LOST.



LIKE THAT?



IT'S HUGE,
SO IT CAUGHT MY EYE
RIGHT AWAY.

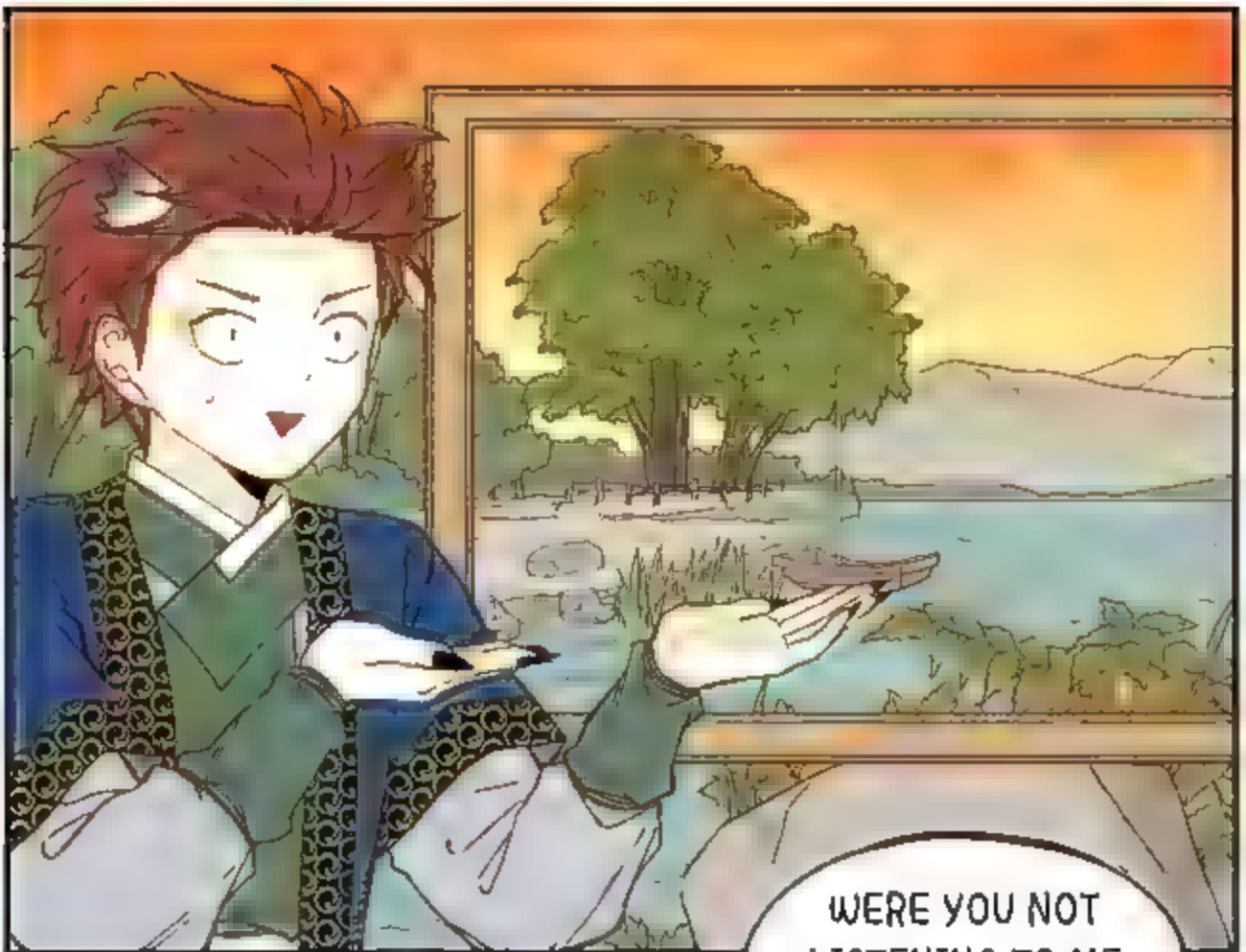


NO.

IT HAS TO
BE VISIBLE FROM
THE RIVER.

ALL OF THE

CREATURES FROM THE
WATER AND THE SURROUNDING
AREAS HAVE TO BE ABLE
TO SEE IT.



WERE YOU NOT
LISTENING TO ME
JUST NOW? 14



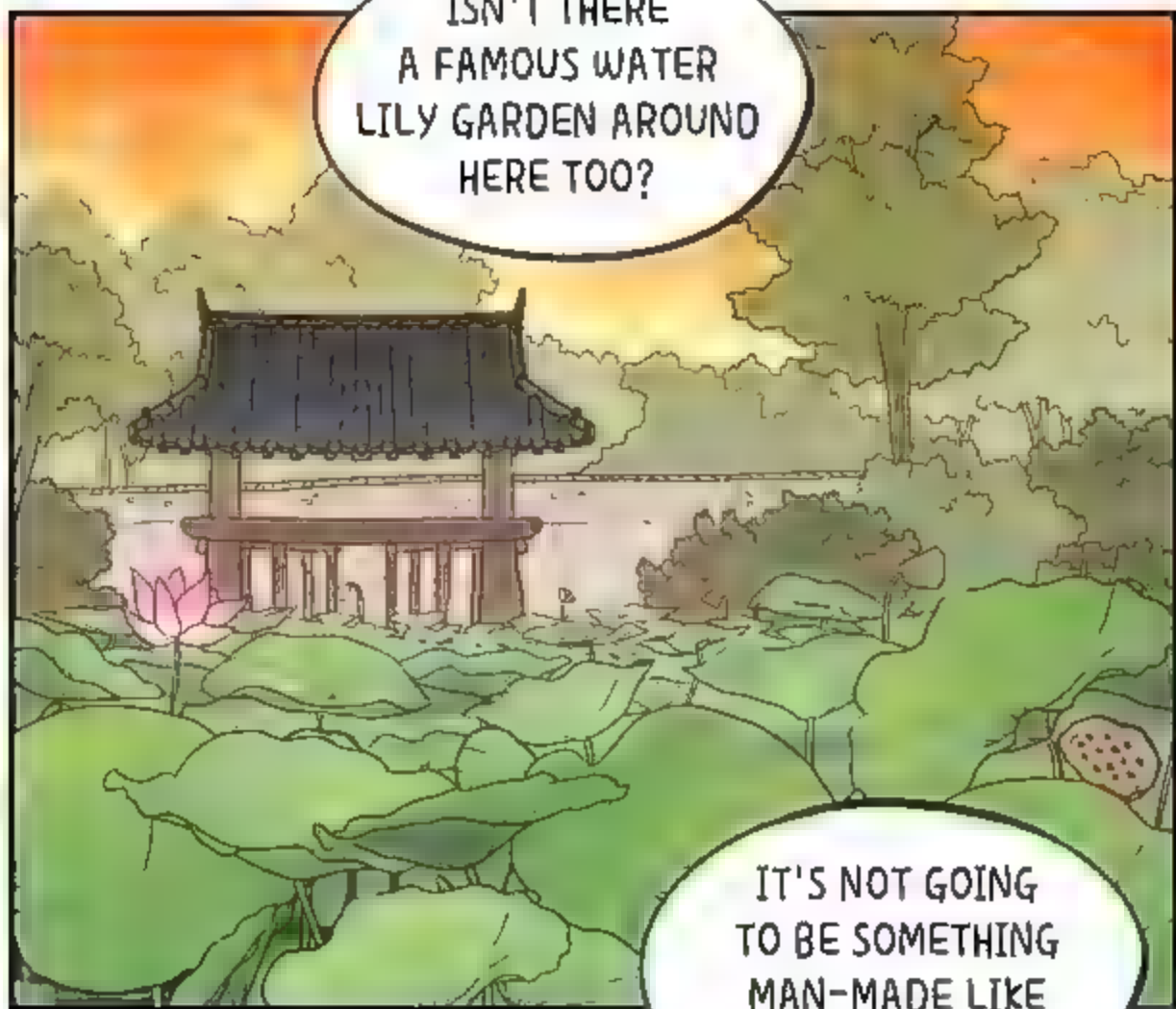
WHAT ELSE
IS THERE?

HMM,
WELL...

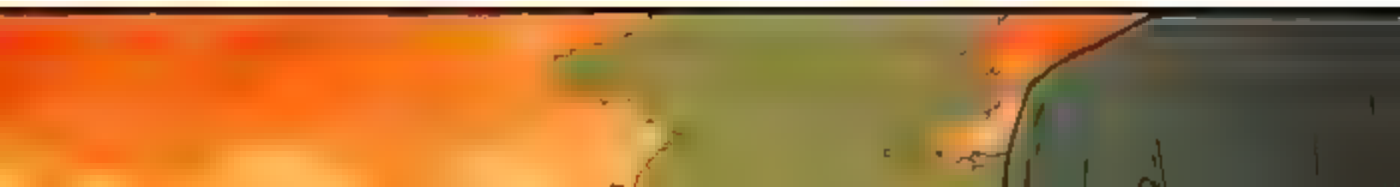
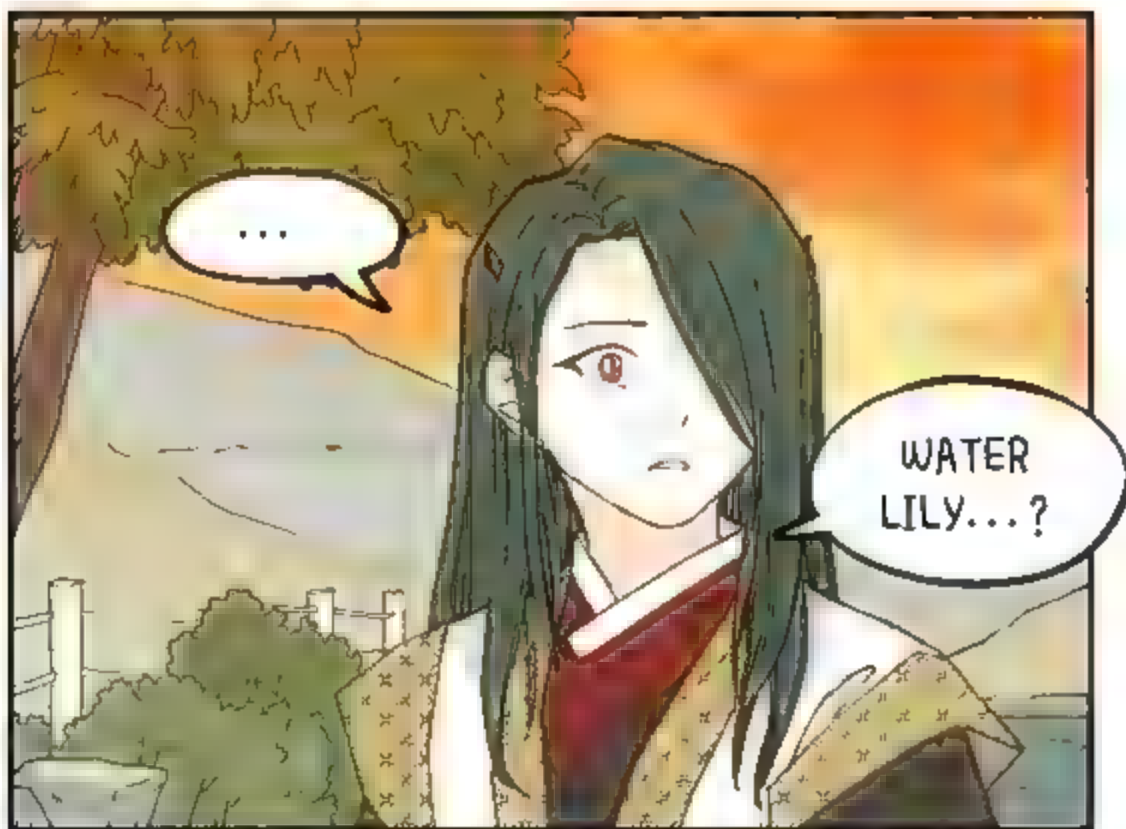
THE HOT DOGS
HERE ARE FAMOUS...

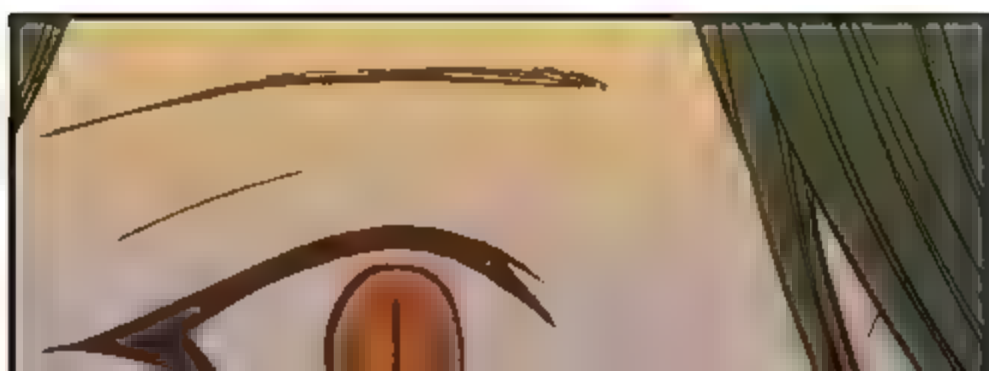
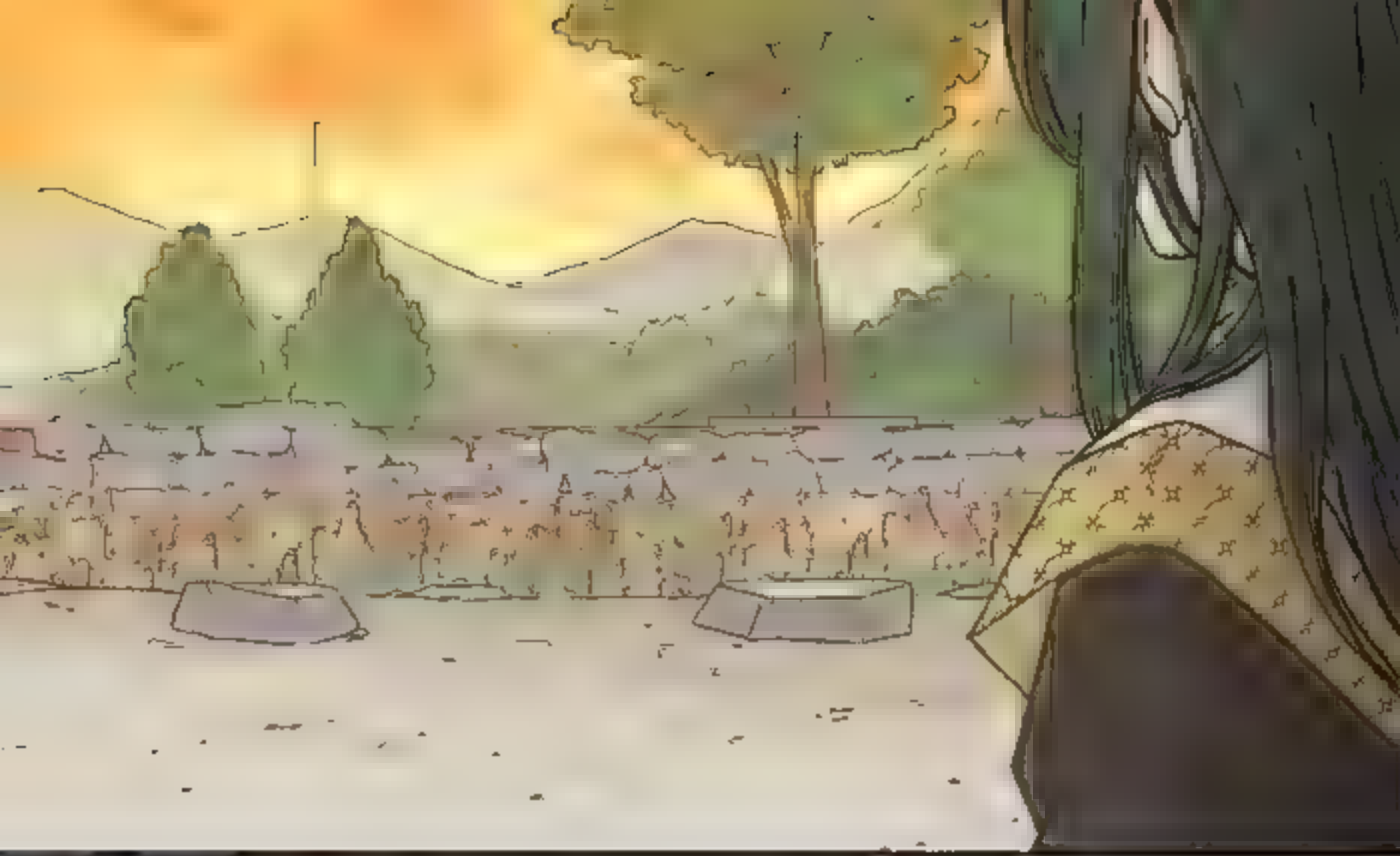
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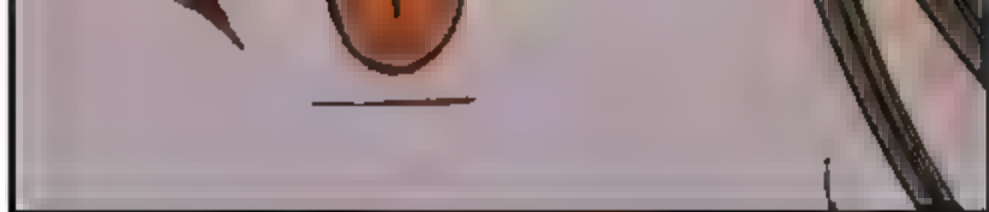
ISN'T THERE
A FAMOUS WATER
LILY GARDEN AROUND
HERE TOO?



IT'S NOT GOING
TO BE SOMETHING
MAN-MADE LIKE
THAT.



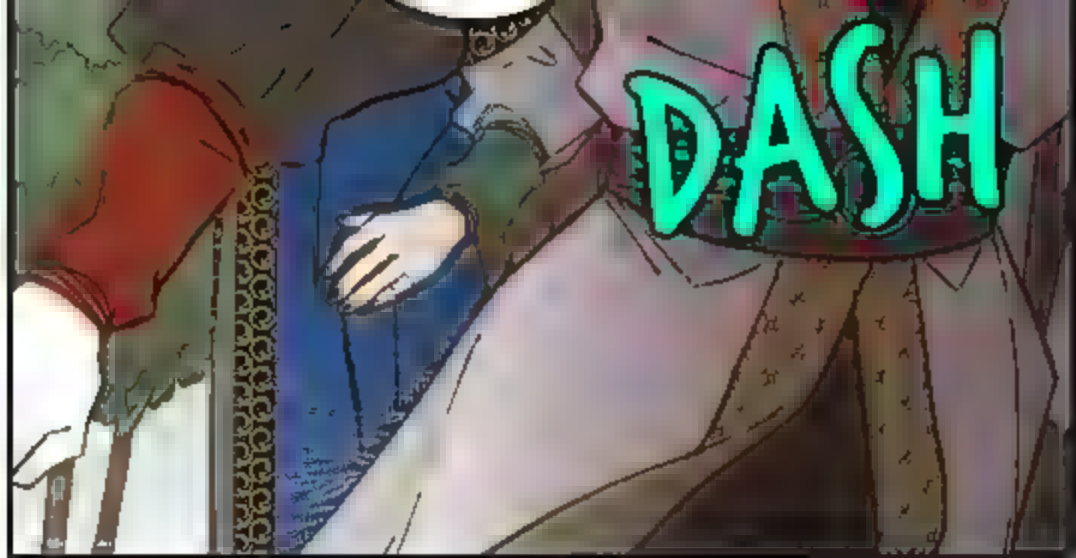




WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S NOT SUMMER ANYMORE,
SO ALL OF THE WATER LILIES
HAVE WITHERED.



HUH?





TELL US
WHERE YOU'RE
GOING, JEEZ...

LIMP

LIMP

YOU'RE NOT



FULLY HEALED
YET...



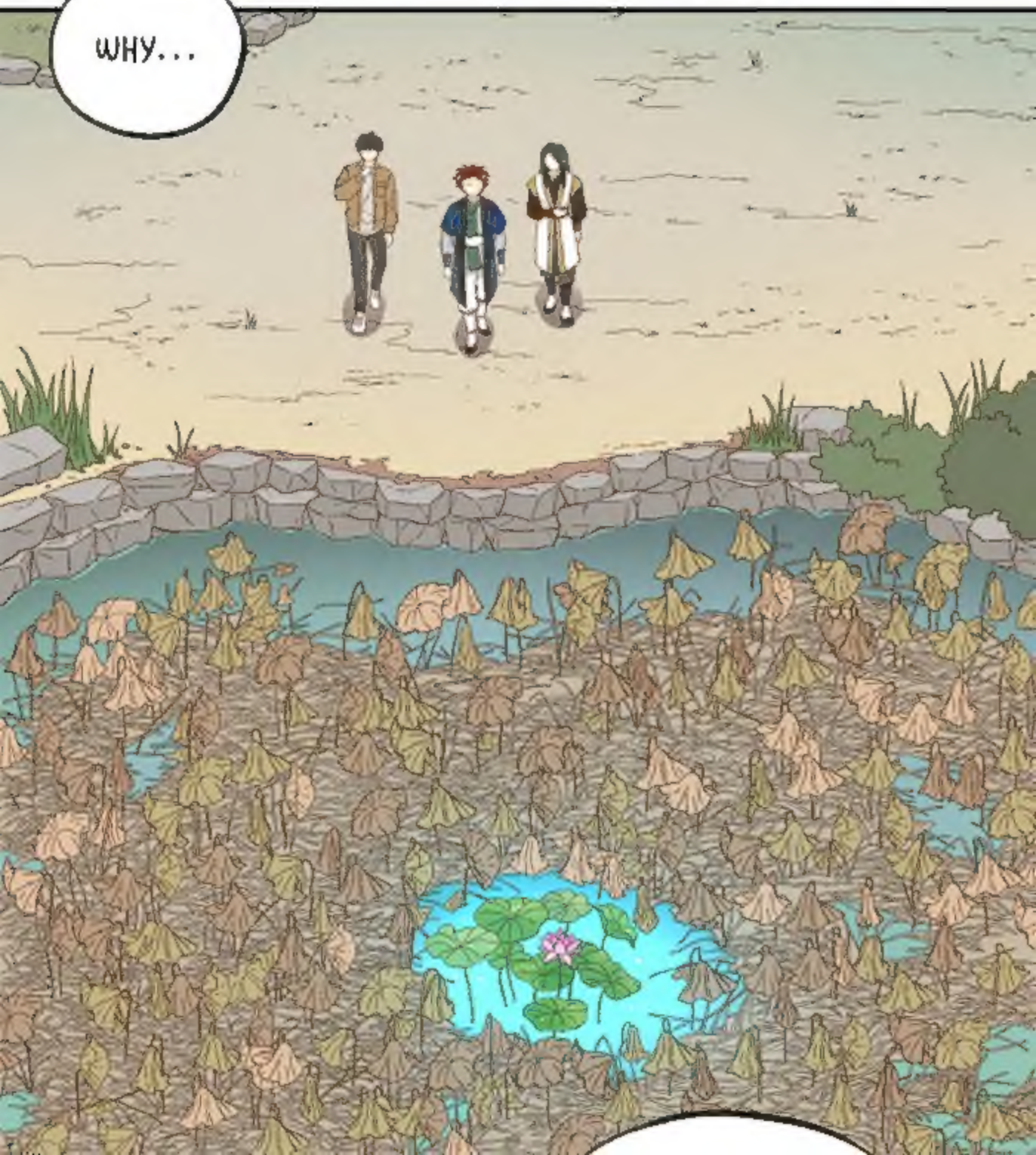
WHAT?

IS THERE
SOMETHING
HERE?

DASH



WHY...





... IS IT ONLY
GREEN OVER
THERE... ?